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In re Patent Application of

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For: CONCENTRATED SUSPENSION
PRECIPITATION SILICA,
METHODS OF PREPARATION
AND UTILISATIONS OF
SAID SUSPENSION

AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed December 8, 1997, kindly amend
above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

22. (Once Amended) An aqueous suspension of precipitated silica, [which] having a solids content [is] between 10 and 40% by weight, [which] a viscosity [is] lower than 4×10^{-2} Pa.s at a shear rate of 50 s^{-1} and wherein the amount of silica present in the supernatant obtained after centrifuging said suspension at 7500 revolutions per minute for 30 minutes represents more than 50 % of the weight of the silica present in the suspension.

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